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The Church and Field

Have you paid your subscription to the EVANGELIST?

Prof. Winter will make arrangements to move to Ashland this week. His family consists of himself and wife.

Bro. E. Mason, of Farmersville, O., will preach at the College Chapel next Sunday morning.

Dr. Beachly, of Meyersdale, Pa., gives us kind words of encouragement, and says he wants ten papers next year for free distribution.

We are glad to notice that Bro. Henry Wise of Virginia, is gathering into the fold such as should be saved. The old as well as the young.

Again we say that we cannot publish correspondence where the writer does not give his name. This applies specially to the reply to W. S. Spanogle.

Brethren do not forget that we need money. If you owe us, send it along as soon as you can: and if you have a few dollars to send about doing good, direct it in this way.

Bro. McFaden says, Our work here is increasing in interest and the prospects are bright. We have opened up several new channels and started a S. S. in Funkstown.

The report that Bro. A. A. Cober has accepted a position in the State University at Columbus, is without foundation. He is still preaching for the Brethren in Perry county.

Bro. Thos. Fultz and family are expected in Ashland this week, with their household goods. They will constitute a valuable addition to the little band of Brethren here.

Brother and Sister Perry arrived in Ashland last week, and are now at home again with Sister Brubaker, on Clairmont avenue. They received a welcome greeting by all who knew them here.

Elder William Sadler, of the German Baptist church, passed through town last Saturday on his way to the Dickey meeting house to help to hold council meeting. We learn that Bishop D. N. Workman expects to resign his office as bishop on account of domestic and other cares.

Howard Miller has been at home for some time, and has been writing letters to certain parties at Meyersdale, to find out what is to be found out. As he is evidently out of government employ now, we expect to hear from him through the *Gospel Messenger* soon, according to promise.

Brethren Mason and Brown paid the sanctum a visit last week. Bro. Mason and wife and little ones are visiting old friends in Wayne and Ashland counties. Bro. Mason's attachment for his old Ashland home is very strong. He stopped on his way through on the train, and had Bro. Brown bring him back again from Fair Haven the next day, as preliminary to the visit he and his family are paying this week. The pleasure he enjoys in visiting Ashland is reciprocated by the people here.

Bro. Brown expects to attend the Sunday School Convention at Masontown. Masontown is in Pennsylvania.

Sister Susie, and Hannah Leedy, have left Ashland on a week's vacation, to visit home and friends in Knox county.

The Western Pennsylvania S. S. Convention to be held at Masontown, Pa., Sept. 11th and 12th; Dedication following Sunday, Sept. 13th. Don't forget the time and place.

The brethren in Altoona, Pa., will hold a harvest meeting in the church in that city on the first Saturday in August. They extend an invitation to the Brethren to meet with them.—*Gospel Messenger.*

Thanks for the invitation. We hope the Brethren will not fail to accept the invitation to meet with the German Baptists in their harvest meeting. The minister of the Altoona Church reads the EVANGELIST which we suppose accounts for the friendly relations existing between his brethren and the Brethren.

R. F. Mallott will hold a series of meetings at Mt. Zion, Rush Creek, commencing Aug. 15th. Pray for us that we may have a great ingathering of souls.

JOHN KISTLER.

CAMERON, W. VA.—Since my last notice we have received five more by baptism, one an old lady who had been an invalid for many years. She was formerly a member of the Christian Church. Three of the others were old people. Some person told one old lady we would drown her but she said she was not afraid of water. She went in like a good soldier and came out rejoicing in a Savior's love. May the good Lord keep them faithful until death, and give them a crown of life.

We filled our regular appointment in the Highland schoolhouse in Washington county last Sunday at eleven o'clock; and by request at four o'clock we filled an appointment at the Methodist meeting-house four miles east of Highland, where old sister Weaver gave us her name. She said she could not go longer with "door-lockers;" the old sister is in her seventy-eighth year.

I will return to Washington county on the 3rd of August when we will hold an election for a speaker. We expect Bro. A. J. Sterling to be with us at that time. Our young preacher, Jacob Murray, of our home congregation, has been doing some good preaching for us this summer. May the Lord stand by him that he may do much good. Brethren let us all be earnestly engaged in the Master's cause, so that we may take up a crown, when we lay down the cross.

Yours in Christ,

HENRY WISE.

From J. B. Wampler.

EDITORS EVANGELIST: Please publish the following letter which explains itself in part, and some time in the future there will be further explanation given. The committee consists of the following elders, C. G. Lint, Joseph Berkey, John C. Johnson, Mark Minser, and Lewis Kimmel.

J. B. WAMPLER.

"ELDERTON, PA., July 11, 1885.

ELD. J. B. WAMPLER; *Sir*:—You will learn from this that the Supply Committee of Dist. Meeting of W. Pa. will meet with the Brethren of the Dunkard Church, German Baptist, at Cowenshannoc meeting house, Aug. 24, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of attending to its duties. You and all who labor with the church, and all wanting to labor with us, are invited to be present. Others can be with us if they desire to be with us. Charge against you that you fellowship expelled members and work with them, and do not work with the Brethren or Dunkards or German Baptists. This case will be acted on at said council in your presence, or if you stay away it will be acted upon unless there be cause shown. Notice you are invited to be present at said time and place; you will please announce said council at your meetings. Yours,

LEWIS KIMMEL."

An Old Order Brother's Reason for Uniting with the Brethren.

Now that I am established in full fellowship in the Brethren Church, I will answer a few questions relative to my course.

1st. Why was I so long in deciding to take my stand with the Brethren Church? Answer. Because persons who have a great distance to travel and are slow in thought must have time. It was not because I could not be satisfied with the disposition of God's providence with the Dunkard Church, but because I was not able to solve the problem brought about by the great changes. I am still inclined to think that the providence of the Lord, respecting the great divisions in the Dunkard Church, will yet in the future bear to us a special meaning. But one thing I have decided upon: that the Brethren Church occupy the safe platform.

2nd. Should I not make a confession for urging division and expulsion in the brotherhood? I favored division but not expelling. Division was unavoidable, so admitted by every observing reader of the Dunkard Church papers. I advocated a peaceable separation, letting each division stand on its own merits. I inclined toward the old order, and thought the "usages" would prevail and triumph. But behold! my brethren who held to the "usages" instead of letting them represent the self-denying, nonresistant principle, trampled down this platform and expelled one another, leaving the liberal and peaceful platform to be accepted by the Brethren. This being the case, I was left to choose either the usages, and sacrifice the principle—a peacable separation—or stand for what I thought was right, and sacrifice the usages, which in my mind are beginning to be very unimportant. For if they are not established by grace in the heart instead of Annual Meeting decisions they are a delusion.

I have never assented to expel any member with regard to their views of the division of the Church. On this account, and by not recognizing the rebaptism decision, and being indifferent in enforcing the order in dress, I became offensive to the brethren of Annual Meeting parties which I am sorry for but I cannot help it.

I am happy to state to your readers of my standing in full fellowship in the church at Bear Creek, Ohio, on that platform which does not demand of me to do violence to any man.

JOHN CULP.

Warrensburg, Mo.

Notice of Camp Meeting.

The Brethren Churches in the central part of California have decided to have their Camp Meeting this year, in a grove, on the west bank of the San Joaquin River, at R. R. Bridge, two and a half miles Southwest of Lathrop, commencing on the 16th of September, and continuing seven or eight days. We hope to have a good meeting, and we would like to have as many as can, and especially brethren and sisters, bring their families, camp on the ground and be prepared to remain during the entire meeting. There will be ample arrangements made to supply food, for man and beast, at reasonable rates. Those who can, should bring bedding and tents. Straw will be placed in tents to sleep on.

We most cordially invite the Brethren from the Eastern states and especially ministers, who contemplate visiting California this year, to be with us at this meeting. We assure you that your help will be very much appreciated. Please remember the time and place: R. R. Bridge, near Lathrop, San Joaquin county, Cal. By order of Com. P. J. Wolf.

In the Shade.

Here I am enjoying the shade and genial society of old friends in Wayne Co.

On last Thursday brother P. J. Brown volunteered to drive me over to Ashland. I spent most of that day in the sanctum. I found our very good-humored editor at home and in his shirt sleeves, hard at work. Some people think editors do not work. To be thoroughly convinced that this is a mistake, they ought to see brother Yoder wrapping papers for the mail, and writing squibs for the coming paper.

The arrangements in the composition room are splendid. Our brother Garber smiles all over when he shows his visitors the new engine and press. Everything under his supervision speaks highly for his ingenuity, diligence and system of order. "A place for everything, and everything in its place" is the rule of brother Garber's department. Of course this rule cannot always be carried out in the sanctum. The waste basket always interferes.

By the by; as I was rummaging about the office, looking for something new to read, I made a dive into this mysterious and much-dreaded receptacle. And with the permission of the editor, I will next week give you a partial result of my hasty investigation. It will give you some idea of what an editor has to contend with.

I notice that Bro. Ridenour has thrown down the gauntlet for a discussion on the doctrine of Restoration. Now I cannot imagine why a Christian wants to dabble in such a question. If we believe sincerely in the salvation offered by the Lord Jesus Christ, and we have accepted it, what need we bother ourselves about eternity. We are assured that we shall be with the Lord, and that ought to satisfy us. We know, too, that even the wicked will be in the hands of a just and merciful God, and there we had better leave them.

There is too much discussion about the great future, and not quite enough about the present issues. It is this life with which we have to do, eternity is in God's hands. If he had intended we should know all about it, it would have been revealed so as to place the matter beyond dispute. EDWARD MASON.

No Wonder.

Benny Macklin, son of brother Joseph Macklin is a student at Valparaiso College and as the young man possesses quite a talent for music, he was offered and accepted a membership in the Valparaiso College Band. Not far from the College there is a beer garden and as usual there was to be a dance, and they wanted to engage the band to play for the dance. Benny although not a member of any church positively refused to take any part in such soul damning work. Young man there is decision of character worthy of imitation. Now for the contrast. About two miles distant from the city of South Bend, up the St. Jo river, there is a place called Island Park, where beer drinking, dancing and ball playing constitute the main part of the amusement for the low order of the city. Four o'clock on the afternoon of the Fourth of July, wife and myself were standing on the great bridge that spans the St. Jo river. The steamboat that plies the river was just returning from the park bearing part of the crowd that had assembled at that low, vile place, and oh, shame! shame! to think that an elder of one of the churches was one of the number. I say again no wonder that infidelity is on the increase when ministers of the Gospel of the meek and lowly Jesus who was separate and apart from sinners, will take part in such soul destroying work. O Lord deliver us from such.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

A little philosophy inclineth a man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.—Bacon.

Man of the world! Bad as we who are called Christians are, and none can know that badness as we do ourselves, your world would be worse if we were not in it.—Dr. JOHN HALL.

MARRIED.

Thursday. July 30, my wife and I visited, by invitation, the family of Bro. Jesse Wagner, residing about nine miles north-west of this city. On arriving we found assembled the family of brother Michael Kimmel and others numbering altogether about two dozen. Shortly after our arrival we were informed that Mr. Arthur A. Kimmel and Miss Emma C. Wagner were present, ready to be joined in marriage. Believing that the chief end of man is to make others happy, we declined not to assist in bringing about so desirable a consummation.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock found us in a large room artistically furnished: to the right were gathered the friends and neighbors, on the left entered the bride and groom with their attendants. It was but the work of a moment to cause two willing hearts to beat as one. After the usual congratulations we were invited to an adjoining room in which was a large table laden with the good things of earth, the variety and quality is beyond my ability to describe. It was grand. The afternoon was spent in singing, the bride presiding at the organ, and various other methods of social entertainments. Both are active members of the Bear Creek congregation. May theirs be a happy and prosperous life.

SAML. KIEHL.